(c) to (e) Government have received representations from time to time alleging irregularities in the modernisation projects of Steel Plants of SAIL. These are sent to concerned authorities for examination/appropriate action.

Funds to NGOs for Tribal Development NER

5289. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated by Government to NGOs for development of tribal areas in the States of NER during the last five years;

(b) the details of activities undertaken by NGOs in the States and the number of Scheduled Tribes and other weaker/poor people benefited in these States; and

(c) the effective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (d) The total funds allocated to NGOs in NER during the last five years for the development of Tribal people in NER and the number of people benefited out of the projects undertaken by NGOs is given in enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) To ensure proper utilization of funds and effective monitoring of the projects, the State Governments have been asked to get the physical vertification of the organizations conducted by the District Collectors. In addition, the officers of the Ministry are also being deputed for conducting on the spot physical verification of the projects being run by the organizations.

STATEMENT

Details of funds released and persons benefited under the various scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs during 1995-96 to 1997-2000

S. No.	Name of Scheme	Activity	Amount Released (In lakh)	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	Educational complex in Lower Literacy Pockets for the educational development of ST girls.	Educational Complex for ST Girls	17.97 Lakhs	120
2.	Vocational Training Centre in Tribal Area.	Vocational Training Centres	7.21 Lakhs	200
3.	Grant-in-Aid to voluntary organizaitons	Projects for Socio-Economic and Educational Development of STs	1338.38 Lakhs	1,44,340